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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of July 15, 2005 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Summary of Telephonic Interview

As new counsel of record, Applicant's undersigned representative thanks the examiner for the telephonic interview of October 14, 2005, in which the examiner and Applicant's undersigned representative discussed the pending issues in this case in an attempt to further prosecution of this application.

During the interview, Applicant's undersigned representative and the examiner discussed, without agreement, the rejection of claim 1. Applicant's undersigned representative pointed out that the Office Action of July 15, 2005, in rejecting claim 1, relies on the Kobayashi reference (U.S. Pat. No. 6,633,759) for all features of claim 1 except the step of formatting the data to be synchronized into at least one SMS message. Applicant's undersigned representative further pointed out that every connection in Kobayashi is between two devices, without passing data through a third device. That is, Kobayashi describes technology whereby one device is used as a viewer for a second device. The first device and second device are connected via a short-range connection, e.g., Bluetooth. See, e.g., Kobayashi, col. 13-14.

While the Office Action relies on col. 14, lines 26-32 of Kobayashi as allegedly describing an intermediate (i.e., third) device, Kobayashi instead merely indicates that the connection between two devices can be created multiple times. Each connection, however, is still only between two devices at a time. In Kobayashi, data is never transferred from a first device, through an intermediate (i.e., third) device, to a second device.

In response, the examiner indicated for the first time that the adapter of the Jokimies reference might be considered a terminal device. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Terminal devices are well known in the art. A terminal device is generally known in the art as a point at which a telephone call can end, i.e., terminate. See, e.g., *Newton's Telecom Dictionary*, 17th Ed., CMP Books, 2001, p. 692 ("Terminal: 1. The point at which a telephone line ends."); p. 693

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("Terminal Equipment: ...telephones and other equipment at the end of telephone lines."). In addition, Jokimies does not teach or suggest that the adapter connects to anything via a wireless connection as claimed, but rather has a cable 5 to connect to a mobile telephone 1, and a data connector (input/output) for connection to a PC. See Jokimies, col. 2, lines 28-57. Therefore, Jokimies does not teach an intermediate terminal device, and claims 1, 13, 21, 33, and 38 are not obvious over Kobayashi and Jokimies.

Statement of Common Ownership

The present application and the Sutinen (US 2002/0161769), Schmidt (US 2003/0078890 A1), and Corneliussen (US 2004/0048603 A1) references were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, Nokia Corporation.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3, 13, 21, 23, 33, 38, 11, 12, 20, 31, 32, 36, 37, 41, 42, and 43-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi (U.S. Pat. No. 6,633,759) in view of Jokimies (U.S. Pat. No. 5,353,328).

In order to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness under § 103(a), three criteria must exist: 1) there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine the reference teachings; 2) there must be a reasonable expectation of success; and 3) the prior art reference(s) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. See MPEP § 706.02 (j); *In re Vaeck*, 947 F.2d 488 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

As argued in the above summary of the telephonic interview, Kobayashi and Jokimies, even if combined, do not teach or suggest sending data for synchronization through an intermediate terminal device. Jokimies does not teach or suggest an intermediate terminal device, as newly argued by the examiner, because the adapter 2 of Jokimies is not the same as the claimed intermediate terminal device, as already discussed above. The Office has thus failed to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

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Additionally, there is no motivation to combine or expectation of success in the combination of Kobayashi with Jokimies. Kobayshi describes a short range connection between a mobile telephone and a PC. Even assuming that Jokimies taught that which the examiner proffers, which Applicant maintains it does not, Jokimies would introduce an extra level of complexity into Kobayashi in that the connection would be relayed through an adapter coupled to a mobile terminal. This would necessarily require additional configuration and programming, and thus there is no expectation of success in the combination by one of ordinary skill in the art. Thus, the Office Action fails to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness for this additional reason.

Claims 2, 14, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi in view of Jokimies and further in view of Sutinen (U.S. 2002/0161769). The above Statement of Common Ownership removes Sutinen as an applicable reference for a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and this rejection is therefore respectfully traversed.

Claims 4, 24, 35, and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi in view of Jokimies and further in view of Lohtia (U.S. Pat. No. 6,560,456). These claims are allowable based on the allowability of their respective base claims, because Lohtia does not cure the above-noted deficiencies of Kobayashi and Jokimies, and further in view of the additional features recited in each claim.

Claims 6, 15, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi in view of Jokimies and further in view of Alanara (U.S. Pat. No. 6,097,961). These claims are allowable based on the allowability of their respective base claims, because Alanara does not cure the above-noted deficiencies of Kobayashi and Jokimies, and further in view of the additional features recited in each claim.

Claims 7, 16, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi in view of Jokimies and further in view of Alanara and Corneliussen (U.S.

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2004/0048603). The above Statement of Common Ownership removes Corneliussen as an applicable reference for a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and this rejection is therefore respectfully traversed.

Claims 8, 17, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi in view of Jokimies and further in view of Sutinen and Schmidt (U.S. 2003/0078890). The above Statement of Common Ownership removes Sutinen and Schmidt as applicable references for a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and this rejection is therefore respectfully traversed.

Claims 9, 18, and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi in view of Jokimies and further in view of Sutinen, Schmidt, and Winarski (U.S. 2002/0123307). The above Statement of Common Ownership removes Sutinen and Schmidt as applicable references for a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and this rejection is therefore respectfully traversed.

Claims 10, 19, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi in view of Jokimies. These claims are allowable based on the allowability of their respective base claims, and further in view of the additional novel and nonobvious features recited in each claim.

Applicant reserves the right to further attack the motivation to combine any or all of the cited references, but believes this is not necessary at this time based on the above-noted features lacking from each reference.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for

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allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at
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